

STATEMENT OF BUDDY BYNUM

Communications Director for Governor Haley Barbour

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In 2000, Governor Barbour was part of a group that loaned two former employees of the Republican National Committee some money to help them start an Internet business. A couple of years later, one of the former employees engaged in illegal conduct and was appropriately prosecuted and convicted. None of the creditors had any role in the management or activities of the company; in fact, the loan was not fully repaid. There has never been any claim that Governor Barbour or any of the other creditors knew of any illegal conduct or did anything improper.